चूंकि उपर्युक्त तथ्यों से स्पष्ट है कि ओआईएफपी के लिए वरीय ईपीसी बोलीदाता का चयन जेएमसी द्वारा विस्तृत अन्तराष्ट्रीय प्रतिस्पर्धी बोली प्रक्रिया का अनुसरण करने के पश्चात फरवरी, 1997 में किया गय था। यह मूल्याकंन यथार्थ मूल्याकंन मानकों पर आधारित था और स्वतंत्र तकनीकी और वित्तिय सलाहकारों की सहायता से किया गया था। संयुक्त उद्यम के भारतीय भागीदारों द्वारा निवेश के लिये सरकार का अनुमोदन, इस मामले से संबंधित सभी तथ्यों पर पूर्ण विचार करने के पश्चात दिसम्बर, 1997 में प्रदान किया गया था।

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Units engaged in production of Chemicals Insecticides

1826. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of manufacturers item-wise of chemical insecticides in the country alongwith the details of quantum of production and the value of these products during the year 1997-98;

(b) the cost of import of ingredients being used in the manufacture of these insecticides; and

(c) the value of other insecticides imported and exported during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILZIERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) Most of the insecticides have been delicensed w.e.f. August, 1991. More than 125 units in the organised sector are engaged in the manufacture of more than 60 Technical Grade Pesticides in the country. As per the provisional information available with the Department the production of Technical Grade Pesticides during 1997-98 is around 82,000 metric tonnes.

(b) and (c) Since there is no Central data monitoring, the exact cost of import of ingredients for manufacture of Insecticides can not be ascertained. The details of export & import of insecticides arc as follows:

Exports	(Rs./Crores)
1996-97 1997-98	658
Imports 1996-97	588 (Prov)
1997-98	120 56 (Prov)

SOURCE: DGC1S

Decline in the demand of Caustic Soda

1827. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand of Caustic Soda and its allied products in declining since last two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that considering the market demand, there should have been a growth of 5%, if so the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether free import or reduction of import duty has affected the 5000 crore industry manufacturing the Caustic Soda and allied products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) and (b) The demand of Caustic Soda and Chlorine, a by-product, depends on the growth of consuming industries namely paper, dyes, pesticides etc. in which the , growth during last 2 years has not been significant due to various factors.

(c) Import duty on basic chemicals including Caustic Soda was reduced from 40% to 30% in 1995-96 as part of the general policy of the Government. However, the import of Caustic Soda has no significant effect on the Caustic Soda industry in the country as imports constitute only 5% to 6% of the tofal domestic production.